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SUBJECT: MALAYSIA - SALE OF TEN LOCOMOTIVES TO MALAYAN RAILWAY ADMINISTRATIN (MRA)

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1. MALAYAN RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION (MRA) IS GOM ENTITY UNDER JURISDICTION OF MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS. THE DIESELIZATION PROGRAM OF THE MALAYAN RAILWAY WAS COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE SECOND MALAYSIAN PLAN1971-1975). SO FAR, ALL DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES IN MALAYSIA WERE PURCHASED FROM JAPAN AND THE U.K. FOR DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES FROM JAPAN, THE LOCOMOTIVES WERE ASSEMBLED WITH GERMAN BUILT DIESEL ENGINES.

2. THE MALAYAN RAILWAY HAD NOT MADE A PROFIT ON ITS ANNUAL ACCOUNT FOR 14 YEARS UP T THE YEAR 1975. THE RAILWAY INCURRED AN ACCUMULATED DEFICIT OF M$101.9 MILLION UP TO THE END OF 1975. HOWEVER, A CHANGE HAS BEEN BROUGHT ABOUT BY DATO ISHAK, A REFORM-MINDED ADMINISTRATOR WHO BECAME GENERAL MANAGER IN SEPTEMBER 1975. THE MALAYAN RAILWAY MADE AN UNPRECEDENTED OPERATING PROFIT OF M$19 MILLION IN 1976.

3. AN ALLOCATION OF M$200 MILLION IS MADE UNDER THE THIRD
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MALAYSIA PLAN (1976-1980) FOR RAILWAY PROGRAMS IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA. IN THE ALLOCATION, M$16 MILLION IS FOR THE PURCHASE OF DIESEL MAINLINE LOCOMOTIVES, M$10 MILLION FOR DIESEL SHUNTING LOCOMOTIVE AND M$10 MILLION FOR CAPITAL SPARES FOR LOCOMOTIVES AND DIESEL RAILCARS.

4. ACCOFDING TO MRA, ABOUT 50 COPIES OF THE TENDER DOCUMENTS

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FOR SALE LOCOMOTIVES HAS BEEN PURCHASED BY INTERESTED PARTIES. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SEVERAL JAPANESE, BRITISH, FRENCH AND AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS OF LOCOMOTIVES ARE SUBMITTING BIDS ON THIS JOB.

5. GOM WILL ACT AS OBLIGOR OF TRANSACTION.

6. A SPECIFIC REPAYMENT TERM IS NOT ASKED FOR IN THE TENDER. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO MRA, OFFERING OF CREDIT TERMS BY TENDERERS ARE MOST WELCOME.
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